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Beams of Charged Particles

COMMENTS REGARDING REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following comments in response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated December 2, 2004. The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance at page 2 of the Notice of Allowability recited certain language as a basis for patentability with respect to claims 1 and 29, and recites other language as a basis for patentability with respect to claims 15, 19, and 26. However, claim 29 does not recite the language suggested by the Examiner, and claims 19 and 26 do not recite the language suggested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's deviation from the language recited in the claims should not be a basis for limiting the claims beyond their literal scope and equivalents thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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